

Fire companies
and fire depart-
ments.
Fire limits.

SEC. 57. That the council shall organize, equip, and maintain fire companies and fire departments, and shall encourage volunteer or patriotic fire companies. That the board may establish fire limits in the city, in which it shall be unlawful to erect, alter, or repair wooden buildings, and may prohibit the removal of wooden buildings into said limits, and may regulate the height and disposition of any building within said limits; that it shall be the duty of the council, as far as possible, to motorize said fire department. The council may make rules and regulations governing the erection and construction of buildings anywhere within said city limits, so as to make them as safe as possible from fire, and may order the blowing up or tearing down of any building to prevent or stop the progress of a fire, and no person shall be held liable, civilly or criminally, for acting in obedience to the order thus given. In case of immediate necessity, the commissioner of public safety alone may issue such an order.

Building regula-
tions.

Destruction of
buildings in arrest
of fire.

Care of cemeteries.

SEC. 58. The council shall care for all cemeteries and shall keep them in good condition, and may make arrangements with the holders of lots for perpetually caring for same, upon the deposit of sufficient funds to do so; and shall make all rules and regulations for the use of said places of burial.

General law
applicable.

SEC. 59. That the provisions of sections two thousand nine hundred and eighty-two to three thousand and ten, inclusive, of the Revisal, shall apply to said city, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

Boards abolished.

SEC. 60. That the board of water commissioners, the park and tree commissioners, the executive board, the board of library trustees, board of aldermen of said city, and any and all other boards or governing bodies, except the school board of said city, are hereby abolished, and their powers, duties, and functions are expressly vested in said council; that all ordinances, rules, contracts, and laws now in force, not conflicting with this charter, are hereby expressly retained and reënacted; that all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed; that the schools of the city shall be controlled, operated, and maintained as heretofore, and the board of school commissioners are expressly retained.

Act submitted to
voters.

SEC. 61. That this charter and the provisions of this act shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of the city of Charlotte on the eighteenth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, under the rules and regulations now prescribed by law for the election of the mayor and members of the board of aldermen of said city. That said board of aldermen shall cause a notice of said election and the purpose of the same to be published in some newspaper of said city for thirty days before said election, and the Clerk of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County shall cause to be prepared and distributed at the various polling places in said city a sufficient number of printed ballots favoring

Date for election.

Notice of election.

Clerk of superior
court to prepare
and distribute
ballots.